

"The Abysmal Brute"

By Jack London

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Sunday Post-Dispatch Tomorrow

WOMAN AND MAN FOUND DEAD IN A CAB, THROATS CUT

M. F. Robert, Wealthy Produce Dealer of Gettysburg, Believed to Have Killed Companion With Small Pocket Knife and Then Ended Life in Same Way.

HE IS SURVIVED BY WIDOW AND CHILDREN

Driver Heard Couple Quarreling, but No Sounds of Struggle—Woman's Body Rolls Out of Vehicle When Door Is Opened.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 6.—M. F. Robert, a wealthy produce dealer of Gettysburg, who has a wife and family, and Anna Hensinger of Lewisburg were found dead in a cab, their throats cut, when the driver opened the door of his vehicle in front of the woman's home late last night.

It is believed that Robert, who the driver heard quarreling with the woman, cut her throat and then killed himself. His throat and neck were gashed in a dozen places.

The killing was done, it is believed, with a small black handled pocket knife, with a blade little more than an inch in length, but ground to razor keenness. It was found on the floor of the vehicle.

Dispatches from Gettysburg say that Robert left his home there a few days ago, asserting he intended to visit his home in New York. He instead is believed to have come direct to this city and to have been with the Hensinger woman, a former resident of Gettysburg, ever since.

Charles Harbold, who drove the cab, said that he had driven the couple about the city for several hours, prior to the time he received an order to go to the woman's home. The couple was quarreling when he was called but he heard no sounds of a disturbance inside of the cab.

Arriving at his destination, he climbed down from his box, expectantly his face to set out. As he opened the door, the woman's body toppled out. Harbold, thinking the man was asleep, shook him and his body crumpled on the floor of the cab.

The police believe that the woman had threatened to expose Robert to his friends in Gettysburg, who held him in high esteem, unless he complied with certain demands she made. This theory is based on fragments of the conversation which the cab driver overheard.

FARMERS, ARMED, REPLACE HITCH POSTS AT NEOSHO

Feud Between Farmers and City Dwellers Threatens Bloodshed.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 6.—The dismantling of the hitching racks around the Newton County courthouse at Neosho has caused one of the bitterest feuds between the farmers and city officials that has been waged for years.

Yesterday the farmers with 15 men, each armed with men armed with shotguns and spades came into Neosho, bringing with them the discarded racks which had been dumped into the city garbage pile.

The armed farmers guarded, while their associates with spades replaced the hitching posts.

The matter probably will be brought before the Springfield Court of Appeals by the city officials. The ownership of the ground is contested by the city and the county authorities.

100 PERSONS KILLED IN ROUMANIAN WRECK

Collision of Freight and Passenger Trains Accompanied by Heavy Fatalities.

BUCHAREST, Dec. 6.—News reached this city early today that 100 persons had been killed or injured in a collision which occurred late last night, between a passenger and a freight train near Costesti, southwest of Bucharest, near the Danube.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING TIP

Police Chief Advises Women to Use Them for Purse.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 6.—"Put your money in your stocking when you go Christmas shopping," is an oft-repeated advice to Pittsburgh women, issued by Chief of Police Michael J. Gaffney. It is urged, should be strong enough to stand the strain. By this advice the police hope to avenge many tearful tales of money lost on Christmas shopping tour.

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SNOW AND COLDER IS OUTLOOK FOR TOMORROW

THE TEMPERATURES.

6 a. m. 30 10 a. m. 32
8 a. m. 32 12 (noon) 36
1 p. m. 32 46 at 6 a. m.

High. 54 at 5 p. m. Low. 46 at 6 a. m.

CHEER UP! CRANBERRIES ARE CHEAP.



"Well," said Riggs, "aren't you going to take a car?"

"No, I'm walking downtown these mornings. It's fine exercise."

"You can't fool me. You are not that fond of exercise. There must be some other motive."

"To tell the truth, there is."

"Why are you walking then?"

"Don't let anybody in on the secret, will you?"

"No."

"I'm saving up money to buy an egg."

Official forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Rain tonight, probably turning to snow tomorrow morning; clearing tomorrow afternoon; lower temperature late tonight and tomorrow, with a minimum at the freezing point, or somewhat lower tomorrow night.

Misouri—Occasional rain tonight, probably turning to snow flurries in northwest portion, generally light, except possibly snow flurries in northeast portion.

Illinois—Rain tonight and tomorrow, probably turning to snow in north portion; cold or tomorrow and in northwest portion tonight.

Stage of the river: 61 feet; no change.

DECoy LETTER USED TO TRAP DELINQUENTS

Publisher's Manager Fined for Sending Last Half of Epistle Only, to Excite a Response.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 5.—Fred B. Sternberg, manager here for a publishing house, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 in Federal Court here for use of the mails in furnishing a scheme to find delinquents in a newspaper.

The offense was sending a mailing of what purported to be "sheet 2" of a letter couched in language such as would excite the curiosity of the recipient, the alleged delinquent, and usually resulting in a response from the person sought. Action then would follow to collect the delinquent bill.

J. E. Schaefer, Woodstock, Ill., was named in the indictment as having received one of the decoys.

GIRL'S HEART DISPLACED; DOES THINGS BACKWARD

Examination by X-Rays Shows That Some Other Organs Are on Wrong Side.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—A puzzling problem of abnormality in a girl who is doing everything backward, among other things writing from right to left, has been solved by Buckingham physician. An examination revealed the fact that her heart is on the right side and some of her other organs are displaced.

The case has renewed interest in that of the boy who saw things upside down and wrote in that fashion. The latter came to light about two weeks ago.

EUGENIC BOY IS BORN

Parents Are First to Marry Under New Rule Made Two Years Ago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—A "eugenic boy" was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bode yesterday. The couple were the first to be married under the rule established nearly two years ago by Dean Walter T. Sumner of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul requiring all candidates for marriage at the cathedral to obtain health certificates.

Bode is a telegrapher at a police station. According to physician the baby is perfectly formed.

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statistician and analyst of business conditions, has gone out of his line and devoted much of his time to make an investigation for the benefit of certain members of the medical profession which is not calculated to make them or other physicians happy. The New York Sun says today.

Babson said that he had no relation with physicians and surgeons in general, but he was aroused over a recent discussion of the value of medical men at which it was suggested that Babson achieved his results chiefly by guessing and that at times his guessing was not of a high order.

"This led me to try to find out just how many times our medical men guess right," said Babson. He said that in investigating the mistakes made by medical men in diagnoses, the vital statistics of a leading hospital in Massachusetts were put to his disposal. He had the records of 2500 post-mortem examinations at the hospital, covering a period of several years, which he compared with the history blank filled out when patients were admitted to the hospital and with the certificates giving the cause of death.

The following table shows the percentage of correct diagnoses made on the history slips and death certificates according to the statistics examined by Babson:

HISTORY DEATH
DISEASE. SLIP. CERTIFICATE

Diabetes 55 95

Appendicitis 50 80

STATISTICS SHOW DOCTORS' GUESSES ON DISEASE POOR

Percentage of Correct Diagnoses When Patients Entered One Hospital, 5 to 55.

NEURITIS MOST PUZZLING

Business Analyst Gets Figures After Medical Men Said He Gussed at Results.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Roger W. Babson of Wellesley Hills, Mass., the

Group of Women Selling Flowers on the Street in Order to Raise Fund for Charity Purpose



Miss Nell Haley, Miss I. McPherson Moore, Miss Helen Rothschild.



MRS. E. GOTTSCHAMER.

WEBSTER GROVES VOTING TODAY ON SALOON QUESTION

Bombs and Bugles Announce Opening of Polls; "Dry" Predict 3 to 1 Victory.

Webster Groves is voting Saturday on the question of whether the town shall be "wet" or "dry." Five bombs were fired at 4 a. m. in the polling places, reports that the polls were opened and awakened sleepy residents. A few minutes later boy scouts on horseback rode through the street blowing bugles to awaken those who had not heard the bombs.

Many women were at the polling places during the morning to urge their male relatives and acquaintances to vote "dry." A heavy vote had been polled before noon, but the polls will remain open until 6 p. m.

L. P. Booth, campaign manager for the "Dry's," said at noon that appearances indicate that the "Dry's" will win.

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Four witnesses were brought to Police Headquarters and shown a picture of the escaped William Webster Groves, who was arguing in the railroad yards. Kaga told Armstrong that the negro had forced his escape at the point of a pistol, but Armstrong denied this.

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order which he declared would put into effect the directions of the Supreme Court.

Crow's proposed decree went into much greater detail. He submitted forms of contracts to be executed between the road applying for membership in the Terminal or use of its facilities and the Terminal, and also a paragraph which would make it impossible for any kind of an arbitrary to be levied against St. Louis.

FIGHT AIMED AT BRIDGE ARBITRARY

Preliminary Decrees Have Followed Courts Language in This Respect.

The objection of the Government in attacking the Terminal combine was to destroy the monopoly and to abolish the bridge arbitrary. The destruction of the monopoly has been accomplished. The present proceeding relates to the arbitrary.

The Government injunction suit against the Terminal and its 14 constituent railroads was filed in 1910, and the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States was handed down in 1912—after six years' fighting by the courts.

The Government and the Terminal hailed the decision of the Supreme Court as a victory in its favor—the Government contending that the court decided that the bridge arbitrary should be abolished, and the Terminal, on the other hand, holding that the court recognized and legalized the arbitrary.

The Supreme Court directed the Federal Court at St. Louis to prepare and hand down a decree in conformity with the higher court's mandate. The form which this decree should take with particular reference to the bridge arbitrary developed another fight between the Government and the Terminal.

Supreme Court's Directions.

The Supreme Court, in commanding the case to the District Court, directed that a plan of reconstruction of the Terminal "should be made within 90 days, which should provide for the use of the terminal facilities by any and all roads on equal terms and conditions, abolish the practice of billing goods to East St. Louis and then rebilling them to St. Louis, and further:

"By providing for the abolition of any so-called arbitrary charge for the use of the terminal facilities in respect of traffic originating within the so-called 10-mile area, that is not equally and in like manner applied in respect of all other traffic of a like character originating outside of that area."

Edward C. Crow, special counsel for the Government, and Henry S. Frost, counsel for the Terminal Association, engaged in a controversy over the meaning of this paragraph. The Terminal, and the suit was filed, abolished the bridge arbitrary on a shipment originating in the East originating beyond a so-called 10-mile zone, but retained the arbitrary on shipments originating "within" that zone. As virtually all the coal consumed in St. Louis originated within the 10-mile area, the issue, whether the Terminal could continue to levy the arbitrary, became an important one.

Federal Judge Triesler of Little Rock, sitting in the absence of District Judge Dye, in 1912, handed down both an interlocutory and permanent decree in which he used the exact language of the Supreme Court with respect to the abolition of the arbitrary. These decrees were not satisfactory to Crow, and when they came to him he challenged the jurisdiction of Judge Triesler to act in the case.

The Supreme Court sustained Crow in the question of jurisdiction, and decided that, as the case had gone to the Supreme Court from the Circuit Judges, they were properly the ones to enter the final decree.

Judge Hook Dissented.

Three of the four Judges—Sanborn, Smith and Hook—entered an interlocutory decree last June. Judge Sanborn and Smith took virtually the same view of the question as Judge Triesler previously had taken, but Judge Hook filed a dissenting opinion, sustaining the contention of Crow.

Judges Sanborn and Smith, in their interlocutory decree, stated that they had provided for the abolition of the arbitrary as clearly and specifically as the Supreme Court had directed in its mandate. Hook took the ground that the decree should be more specific than the language of the Supreme Court, and make it impossible for an arbitrary to be levied against St. Louis traffic.

Attorney-General McReynolds is supporting Crow in his fight for complete abolition of the arbitrary. Unless the court goes further than to follow the exact language of the Supreme Court in the matter of abolishing the arbitrary, Crow maintains that it would be possible for the Terminal to legalize the arbitrary within the 10-mile zone by re-establishing it outside that zone. He is trying to get a decree which will preclude all possibility of an arbitrary being re-established outside of the 10-mile area or maintained or legalized within the 10-mile zone.

When the interlocutory decree was filed the Court said opportunity would be afforded counsel on both sides to be fully heard before the final decree was entered. Crow has given much time, in the last several months, to preparing for the final fight. If the final decree should be entered substantially as the interlocutory decree with respect to the bridge arbitrary, then the course to follow is in the intention of Crow to appeal directly to the United States Supreme Court for an interpretation of its own mandate, and a decree issued by that tribunal, to carry the mandate into effect.

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WILL OF MILLIONAIRE SUSTAINED IN COURT

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 6.—The Missouri Supreme Court today sustained the validity of the will of Thomas Gause, a millionaire of Jasper County. The attempt to break the will was made on behalf of the widow.

Under the will she gets \$100 a month, and \$10,000 if ever she is declared to be of sound mind.

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Offending Lieutenant; Colonel Who Led Troops From Zabern



LIEUT. VON FORSTNER.

GARRISON MARCHES AWAY, LEAVING NO GUARD AT ZABERN

By Associated Press.

ZABERN, Germany, Dec. 6.—Headed by its energetic commander, Col. von Reuter, the Ninety-ninth Infantry Regiment, whose officers have caused so much strife between the military and civil authorities in Alsace, marched out of Zabern today in the way to uncomfortable camp quarters.

Half of the men go to Hagenau, 12 miles northeast of Strasbourg, and the other half to Bischwiller, a small fortified town at the foot of the Vosges Mountains in the north of Alsace.

Not even the customary detachment was left in charge of the barracks and army property, a guard being detailed for this service from the garrison of Strasbourg.

The Viceroy of Alsace-Lorraine, Count Charles von Wedel, returned today from his conference with the Emperor and the Alsatian papers gladly interpret the fact that he has not retired from office as an indication that he received from the Emperor the necessary guarantee that the military will not interfere with civil rule in Alsace-Lorraine.

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FUNDS NEEDED TO START CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL WORK

Thousands of things to be done by Committee and Expense Will Be Large.

2000 HOMELESS TO BE FED

Tree Will Be Brought From Ozarks and 10,000 Children Will Get Presents.

Notice to Contributors to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund

LISTS on which contributions to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund may be submitted by offices, factories, shops and other public places, will be distributed to reliable persons by a staff of Post-Dispatch employees.

The Post-Dispatch will send contribution lists to reliable persons on request. No one is authorized to solicit money for the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund. Give contributions only to persons you know to be reliable. Contributions and lists collections should be sent to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Fund or by messenger to the cashier of the Post-Dispatch.

Upon request, an authorized attorney will appear for collection. All contributions will be acknowledged in the columns of the Post-Dispatch.

Christmas is less than three weeks away, and there's a great work to be done if the day is to be made a happy one for the poor children of St. Louis. Christmas dinners are to be made ready and packed in baskets for every poor family in St. Louis who cannot afford to buy a Christmas dinner. Arrangements are to be made for giving a dinner to more than 2000 homeless men which shall remind them, perhaps, of the homes they once had.

Preparations involving a thousand details are to be made for the great Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival that is to be given from 2 to 4 o'clock on Christmas day at the Coliseum. A huge Christmas tree is to be brought from the Ozarks, where the biggest Christmas trees grow. Gifts are to be purchased for more than 10,000 children, to be distributed at the close of the Coliseum festival. A splendid Christmas entertainment is to be arranged.

Many things to be done.

These are only the principal things. A thousand other things are to be attended to. They will all be attended to, by the big plans and the small details, and nothing will be left undone that will contribute toward making Christmas day a day of joy to the poor children of St. Louis and the fathers and mothers of the poor children.

It will all be done, that is, if you do your part. All of these plans and details are in the hands of competent men and women who know how to do the things and who have learned, year in and year out, precisely how to do the big things that must be done if the St. Louis poor are to have a merry Christmas.

Your part is not to help with the planning and the carrying out of the plans. Your part is to make possible the carrying out of the plans. The men and women who are doing the work not only contribute their time and efficiency, but also contribute money. Your part is only to contribute toward the fund that is necessary for the carrying out of the plans.

Opportunity, Not Duty.

Giving to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival is not a duty that is urged upon the people of St. Louis and the surrounding country so much as it is an opportunity offered them. It is written that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." It is written deep in the natures of men that one can be truly happy on Christmas day without helping someone else to be happy. Christmas joy does not come from receiving, but from giving. The Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival offers an opportunity for everyone to have a merry Christmas by helping to make Christmas merry for someone else.

The managers of the Christmas Festival undertake to act as Christmas joy brokers for all who want to increase their Christmas joys by increasing the Christmas joy of others. They invite you to send to them the money you want to invest, and they agree to use it as to bring to you the largest possible return of satisfaction and pleasure, in the assurance that it will be used to bring the largest possible amount of satisfaction and pleasure to some poor child.

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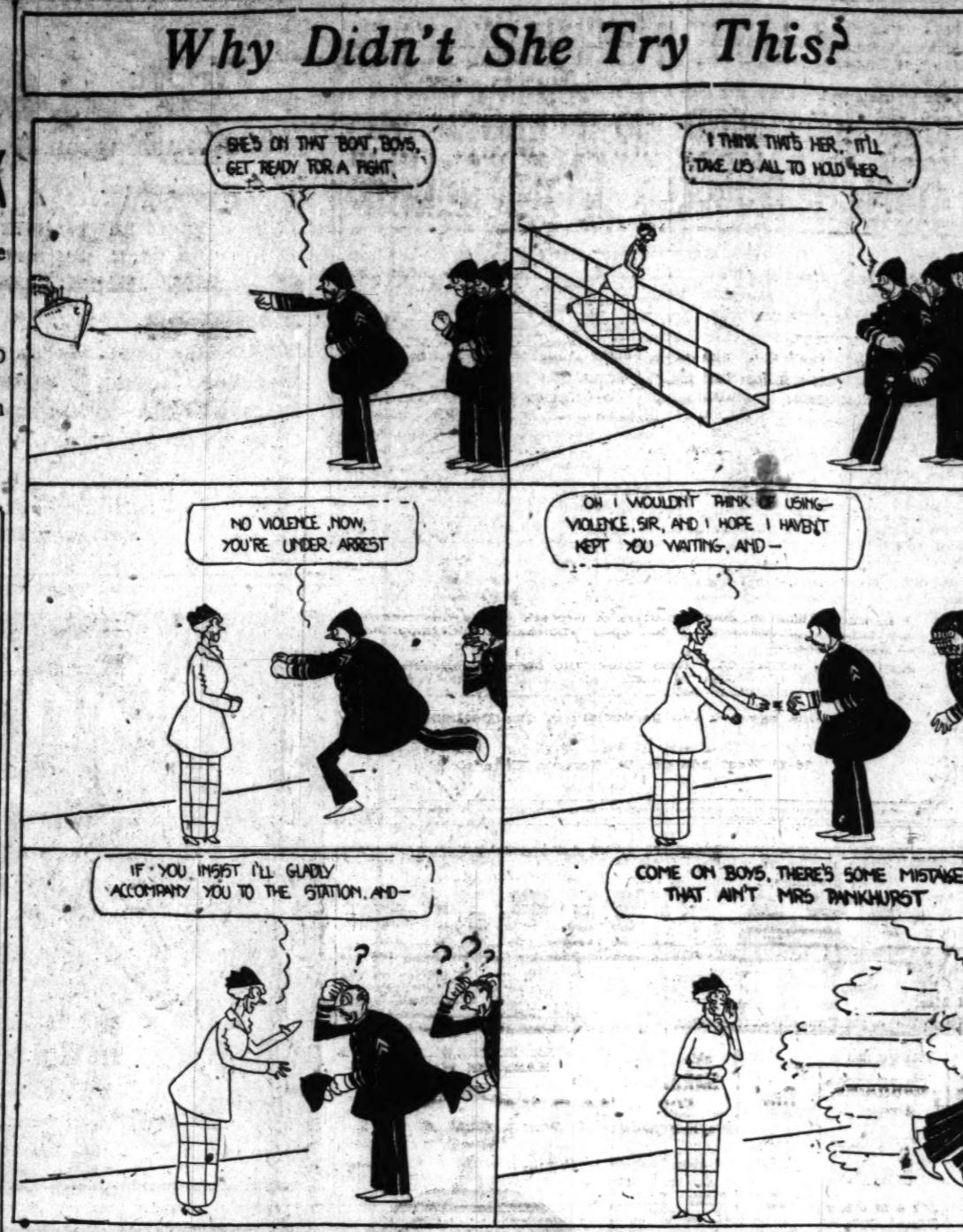
Contributions for the festival are needed now. There is a great deal of excitement attached to getting the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival under way. If the managers are stinted now, the entire festival will suffer. Do your part by sending a contribution today to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival.

RIGHT BEST GIRL wants a diamond ring for Christmas, may credit terms. Open envelope, 1011 Main St., St. Louis, Mo.

Engaged Colleagues From Overwork. Kari H. Hansen, 27 years old, of 1035 Grand Avenue, former electrical engineer for the Union Electric Light & Power Co., is in the observation ward of the city hospital, following a nervous breakdown. Mrs. Hansen attributes her husband's condition to overwork and the resulting tension.

Union Electric, several months ago, gave him a vacation, but this time his condition has not improved.

Now, Hansen and his wife are separated, and he is in the hospital.



SUFFRAGISTS BURN EXHIBITION HALL NEAR MANCHESTER

PATROLMAN KILLS NEGRO WHO FIRED TWO SHOTS AT HIM

Note to Asquith Near \$60,000 Ruins; Attempt at Liverpool Proves Failure.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The campaign of revenge for the rearrest of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was continued by the militant suffragettes today. They had planned for destruction various exhibition buildings and grand stands on the racecourses in Lancashire, where Premier Asquith is spending the week-end, and delivering a series of political speeches.

Exhibition Hall, in the southeastern suburban district of Rusholme, near Manchester, was burned to the ground today, an "arson squad," causing a loss of \$60,000.

The incendiaries left the usual suffrage literature strewn about and a note addressed to Premier Asquith reading, "This is your welcome to Manchester and Oldham."

At Liverpool the scenic railway was found to be in flames early this morning and the firemen had the utmost difficulty in preventing the spread of the fire to other buildings. In the vicinity were found suffrage literature and letters addressed to Asquith.

The third arson attempt, however, was unsuccessful, the suffragettes being frightened away by the approach of a policeman as they were preparing to set fire to the grand stand on Aintree Racecourse.

THIEF BEATS POLICEMAN

Burglar Chokes, Then Clubs Officer; Latter's Shots Miss.

Patrolman Jefferson Highley of the Magnolia Avenue District was trying doors in the neighborhood of Grand Avenue and Arsenal street shortly before 4 a. m. Saturday when a burglar sprang upon him in the dark hallway between the two houses. William H. Farnham, 355 Arsenal street,

"BUREAU OF HOSPITALITY WILL AID IMMIGRANTS

Mullanphy Commissioners Propose New Plan to Help Foreigners at Union Station.

A special committee of the Civic League and the Board of Commissioners of the Mullanphy Emigrant Relief fund will be established to discuss establishing a "Bureau of hospitality" at Union Station to aid immigrants, who pass through St. Louis. The board will likely take action at its regular meeting Tuesday.

The plan outlined by the Civic League is to establish a bureau, consisting of a director and several assistants, who can speak the Slavic and Southern European languages, at an annual cost of about \$6000, to be paid out of the Mullanphy fund.

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AND so they were married. But one
has a right to doubt whether they
lived happy ever after. Ruth Anne,
is that, and Dr. Hollander. Because, for
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herself in love with other gentlemen
and has twice found that she was
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her new novel, "The House of Happiness,"
to showing that love is catastrophic and only one
page, the last one, to showing that it
is a normal phase that is promotive of
true happiness.One cannot help thinking that if the
author had not felt herself bound to
provide a happy ending she would have
added another catastrophe to the list by
disclosing that Dr. Hollander was in
love with another person, than Ruth
Anne, a person he could not possess, and
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body in love with the wrong other.Judging by Rose Cullen Bryant's pre-
dictability in getting the wrong persons in
love with each other, it is a good thing
that she stopped on the last page with
at least two persons in love with each
other who had a right to be. If she had
kept on she would probably have played
smash with the "ever after" business.Ruth Anne is a New York young
woman of moderate fortune who goes in
for social service, hospital nursing and
social settlement work. She is well
whole-hearted.Broadway is associated by a more
mysterious girl who is a dreamer to the
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tions and a touch of genuine heart
interest. It is illustrated with scenes
from the play. (Dillingham.)Then she submits to the cyclical
wings of a newspaper-politician who is too
deeply involved with the actress to break
away from her and after an enlightening glimpse
behind the scenes Ruth Anne finds that she does not love him. Meantime
most of the other persons in the
book are finding out that they are not
in love with the persons they should be
in love with and are in love with per-
sons they have no right to be in love
with and there's the devil to pay generally.But when another doctor looms as a
suitor and Ruth Anne decides that she
loves him sure enough, the curtain is
run down with Ruth Anne in the doctor's
arms and the reader is expected, it
would seem, to forget all the crossed
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BOOK REVIEWS

ACCOMPLISHMENT

OLD to the rapture: let it work onward, till counts of being ill. And all is clear that once was mark.

And Beauty's self rise, mirrored still, Before the mind, that shall devise New forms of earth to realize.

Let it possess, the heart and soul, And draw the two evolve the one, And so achieve the immortal goal Of something great that man has done!

Pouring his thought, his dream intense, Into the mists of permanence.

Within the compass of extremes Science and Art their worlds have set, Whereto the soul fulfills its dreams, And evermore, without a let, Swift, eagle-like, free, unconfin'd, Soars to new altitudes of mind.

From "The Republic" and other poems, by Madison Cawein. (Stewart & Kidd Co.)

DOWN AMONG MEN.

WILL LEVINGTON COMFORT is here again, here with his idealism and his mysticism, linked with restful adventure, each done with the opulence of diction, strength and intensity of characterization and general around high-tension literary power which he brings to all his work. "Down Among Men," he calls his latest book. True to the title, he has come down among men rather more than in "Fate Smooches at the Door," in that he succeeds in making his idealism and mysticism more comprehensible to more men. He has demonstrated that mystic meanings need not be exasperatingly obscure and that idealism can remain within hailing distance of realism and be idealism still.

He has told us the story of John Morning, war correspondent on Asia's far-flung battlefields, and told it better than he told that other story of that other war correspondent in "Routledge Dies Alone," which is one way of saying that he has told it as no other tale has been told, in this year of our Lord. John Morning has fought his way up from New York streets and racing tracks to his previous position, "on space," among the Russo-Jap war correspondents. Included in this limited opportunity, his women are seen and his career as depicted by Duke Fellowes, an older correspondent, and these two see the basis of Llyoyd—see it differently in the measure of their difference as men.

Morning sees the "big story" of it and does it in a manner that brings the newspaper world to his feet and crowns him with fame and the bestowed that to fame belong. Duke Fellowes sees a Russian plowman strike out of the Kao Lang, the millet of China, to his death, seen in his the pitiful prey of war's rapacity, and tells his story around the world-wide scene. He goes forth to teach mankind the brotherhood of man, something infinitely greater than the past, something that is the image of the imaginary lines that bound it.

Then Will Levington Comfort tells us the story of Betty Berry—Betty Berry, worthily loved by John Morning and worthy of John Morning's love. And that, as Comfort's familiars will know without being told, there is the renunciation, the sacrifice, the Gethsemane, the slow crucifixion which Comfort deems needful for the perfecting of his world-men.

Duke Fellowes, coming out of the East with the vision that came to him from the soul of the dying plowman, sees in John Morning an instrument to be used of God for the weal of the world. A moment more. But he can not be instrument and such weal cannot be wrought by him, except he love human energy enough to make her his bride.

A MESALLIANCE

Katherine Tyman. (Duffield & Co.)



COUSIN DIES. RALPH FALLS IN LOVE WITH THE WIDOW, HIMSELF.



WHY CAN'T MARY VERBEE BECAUSE HE IS EXPECTED TO MARRY HIS YOUNG WARD



BUT HIS WARD BEGINS A FRIENDSHIP FOR MOTHER



SO RALPH FOLLOWS HIS COUSIN'S EXAMPLE AND MAKES A MESALLIANCE



AND HAVE NO OTHER BRIDE BEFORE HER.

The old, old belief, coming up out of the dim Eastern distance, he plants in the mind of Betty Berry, worthy of love and worthily loved, and she goes to her Gethsemane and thence at the morrow's dawn to her cross, for the reborn of her beloved and his dedication to his great destiny down among men.

It is Comfort's wish that man may indeed scale heights of worthy achievement or descend into depths of worthless service, with woman by his side, but not such achievement nor such service as are reserved for the man who goes on alone.

Betty Berry, persuaded that her illumination is the needed travail for John Morning's rebirth for service down among men, gives mystically of herself, to the despolling of her mind and body, that John Morning's powers may have plenitude—all to what purpose? To the end that John Morning may create a play that is "too good to get on well" in a book, the publisher sends back.

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compassion and service, and to be sure John Morning, with the equipment bestowed upon him by Betty Berry's sacrifice, may be expected to go on down among men with greater compassion and service than is to be conferred upon them in the creation of a play and a book, but the tangible troubles of all the travail are in a play that is "too good to get on well" and a book that does not find a publisher.

Much is permitted the idealist and much indulgence is Will Levington Comfort's due out of sheer gratitude for the power that he puts into his pages. (Doran.)

PROGRESSIVE CHILE.

THE history of Chile, one of the most progressive of the South American republics and the life, customs and character presented in a new book on South America, entitled "Progressive Chile," by Robert E. Mansfield, American Consul-General to Switzerland, who writes from a personal knowledge of the subject gained in a long residence in the country.

The history is briefly told, since the purpose of the author has less to do with the past of the country than with its present and future. The Indian occupation, Inca invasion, Spanish conquest and the formation and progress of the republic down to the present are sketched.

This, while necessary to a full understanding of the country's present political and social situation, will probably be found by most readers less interesting than the portions of the book that deal with the social customs and home life of the different classes of people who make up the republic.

Every phase of life in Chile is presented and the book not only provides interesting reading, but imparts a great deal of information that is quite well worth acquiring about the sister republic. The writer's style is attractive. (Neale Publishing Co.)

THE SHEPHERD OF US ALL.

MARY STEWART, in offering a volume of stories of the Christ, retold for children, under the title of "The Shepherd of Us All," has the advantage of the good reputation she has already earned in the same field with her tales of Bible heroes for the children of today, under the title of "Tell Me a True Story," which is now in its eighth edition.

The new group of stories is naturally susceptible to more tender treatment than the heroes called for, and the quality of tenderness is well attained by the author. The new book is in part a retelling of stories of the Christ in which children are sure and in part retelling of other familiar stories in terms adapted to childhood's understanding.

Adult Bible students will find the stories useful in affording them a grasp of the details of incidents that is not so easily acquired from a perusal of the stately scriptural passages. The stories are charmingly told and are certain to prove delightful reading to children of all ages. (Revell Co.)

A GAY NEW GRIMM.

GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES, quaint, often unmoral, sometimes coarse, but always delightful, have been illustrated again in color and white and black, this time by Hope Dunlap, whose imagination and artistry add to the pleasure. There are 12 full-page color plates, and six in black and white. Parents and nurses who use this book, either to read to little children or as a gift, would do well to point out to the young folks that "Clever Gretel" for example, the cook in the story who ate the roasted fowl and then tricked her master and the guests in such a way that they became enemies and she escaped all punishment, is not a good copy for little boys and girls. (Rand, McNally & Co.)

"THE SALT OF LIFE."

"DID YOU ever hear of the salt of life?" says Rudolf Eucken, "is the salt of life." In "Ethics and Modern Thought, a Theory of Their Relations," Eucken gives briefly but clearly, the gist of his philosophy, the presentation of which in his various larger works has won for him the ranks of the great philosophers. His writings are so closely connected that it is difficult to pick out samples for quotation. The present volume comprises the Deems Lectures, delivered in 1913 at New York University. Eucken believes that morals, to be effective in modern life, must be aided by religion. (Putnam.)

SCIENCE AND THE BABY.

ONE of the most remarkable books of the year is Anna G. Noyes' "How I Kept My Baby Well." It has been charged frequently that parents pay less attention to the health of their children than cattle raisers do to calves and stock generally. But Mrs. Noyes' baby resolved more care than any prize calf or colt ever did. She is a college-bred woman and well read in the literature most useful to mothers. Her book shows a most careful record and study of this, her first baby, whom she kept in good health during his first four years by the methods she details. There are many interesting photographs and charts in the work. (Warwick & York.)

A MICROBE ENTHUSIAST.

ARVEY HENDERSON, A. B., A. M., is a thorough enthusiast on the subject of microbes and his book, in form of which he pictures and describes in "Our Friends and Our Foes of the Invisible World." He writes in popular style and tells us "How to woo the friends and how to conquer the foes" in the bacterial regions. One of his chapters is a good argument for cremation. Of course, as a thorough-going bacteriologist, this author disapproves of medicines and believes solely in vaccination, aspergilla, and, where infection leads to disease, in vaccination or serum inoculation as may be indicated. (Neale Publishing Co.)

THE RIFFLE.

IRIAM ALEXANDER has written a new book which appears to have done rather more than fulfill the promises of her previous works, "Second the Law" and "The Joy of

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McCUTCHEON'S CHARGE.

A COMMITTEE of women of the church recently approached George Barr McCutcheon and asked what he would charge them to give a reading on one of the nights selected. Mr. McCutcheon is extremely timid about appearing in public.

"Five hundred dollars," he responded. The committee gasped. "Five hundred dollars? Why, that is more than any one else in the country charges," ex-claimed the chairman of the committee.

"I know," responded he, "but I am including expenses in my figure."

"Expenses how? Goodness, how do you make that out?" "Medical, hospital and funeral," he replied. "You can't reasonably expect me to dodge all of the chains and things that would be thrown if I had the nerve to face a crowd that had paid real money at the door."

Mr. McCutcheon's book this season is "A Fool and His Money." (Dodd, Mead & Co.)

Dreams." The author undoubtedly has progressed in the technique of story telling. In that respect the new book is superior to "The Port of Dreams" in that it is not losing any of that book's power of analysing emotions and visualizing personages. It is called "The Ripple," and deals with the time in Irish history which is this writer's peculiar province.

As a tale it runs along quite smoothly and is well received through love and suffering, and the cause of the suffering must be from within herself. Her humanism must be agony to those whom she intends to make profit by it and bitter shame to herself.

She is plunged into a wild, elemental love for the unscrupulous De Saxe a love that knows neither laws, limits or reason. By the irony of circumstances she brings ruin to De Saxe, when she had already broken the life of her brother, whom she loves next to him.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

In Defense of Technicalities.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
Your editorial "Under Texas Law" lacks stability because it is built upon an erroneous assumption of facts. It assumes that the decision of the Federal Judge of Dallas in a "blow at one of the most tenacious of the law's traditions." The law has no tradition which would support a decision contrary to the one given by Judge Meek. There is no technicality which requires the insertion in an indictment of the letters "A. D." to indicate that the offense charged in the indictment was committed Anno Domini.

The Texas law, as the Missouri law referred to in the editorial are as far apart as the poles. Only those willfully blind can fail to see that there is a plain, clear, wide and broad distinction between the two cases. You overlook the fact that the Judge who overrides the Federal and State constitutions and refuses to obey their imperative mandates is a usurper and a violator of the supreme law of the land. A constitutional command may be absurd, ridiculous, nonsensical and foolish, yet it must be obeyed because the people for their organic law have declared that it shall be obeyed.

The Federal Constitution does not require the insertion in an indictment of the letters "A. D." to indicate that the offense was committed Anno Domini; but the Missouri Constitution requires all indictments to include "Against the peace and dignity of the State."

To my mind, it is absurd and nonsensical to tell a person accused of a crime that his conduct is "against the peace and dignity of the State," after you have stated to him minutely, definitely and specifically the facts which constitute his alleged crime; but being the imperative constitutional mandate it must be obeyed; because the abnegation of a constitutional requirement by a judge is a usurpation. All the rights that a man can have are technical in the true sense of the word. The Constitution and all the rules of action prescribed by the State are technicalities.

It is axiomatic that an imperative mandate commanding that certain specific words must be used in a document is not complied with if all the words are not used, while all the words can be omitted with impunity, while all the words can be omitted without impairment of the validity of the instrument. That is the position of the defenders of the Missouri Constitution.

T. J. ROWE.
320 Wainwright Building.

Overtime Transfer Bill.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
I hope the people will repudiate and utterly refuse to allow such a bill as that passed recently by the City Council making it a misdemeanor for anyone to use a transfer because punched a little about the time for using it. I use the cars a great deal and sometimes it talking on business the time limit, which might have been carelessly punched, is easily exceeded and it is unfair to ask one to make oneself liable to prosecution on such a technicality. I hope it will be turned down.

CITIZEN.

Another River Barrier.

We had thought when the Eads Bridge was built that this Chinese wall to our west would be the only one about "poor old St. Louis." But now it seems, since the construction of the Keokuk dam, we are to have another wall to our west.

And, strange to say, the great river, which in its pure and natural simplicity, started St. Louis on its way, and supported it during the happiest days of its existence, has since proven itself to be the city's worst enemy—thanks not to the river, but to a few individuals amongst us who have become so skilled in the modern way of plundering the public for their personal good, that they can now, in the greatest river on earth, against those whom in times past we much loved and so greatly blessed, thereby making the queen city of this great river valley the laughing-stock of the world.

Is this city not an "easy mark" indeed? Is it not a wonder that these modern local "capitalists" with their smothered smiles, lordly smiles and boundless bellies, do not place a ready on every Indian trail and Boone-Lick path that enters our city, to demand of each mortal who passes in to his daily toll compensation to them for the privilege of supporting his dependents?

A few men whom St. Louis has so greatly blessed, have already in fact arranged one of these cow-pard organizations, the only possible purpose of which is to permit the Keokuk electric current to flow across our western boundary, after it has reached St. Louis, and, for this exalted privilege to charge a sufficient royalty to enable them to place in their pockets the savings of our people by the time the Keokuk contract expires, the enormous sum of \$84,750,000.

S. E. MURKIN.

PROPAGANDA OF PESSIMISM.

What Secretary McAdoo in the annual Treasury report calls the "propaganda of pessimism," whose purpose is the artificial manufacture of business tension and nervousness, has had a new outbreak over the revenue return of the Underwood measure. The bill became operative Oct. 2 and, the receipts from it during November were about \$4,500,000 less than receipts from the higher duties of the previous November.

Imports almost invariably decline for a time under a new tariff. Products whose duties are expected to be increased are always hurried into the country in unusual quantities just before the new schedules take effect. Products whose duties are expected to be lowered are permitted to accumulate in bonded warehouses for distribution after the revised rates are available. The consequence is a lessened import of both classes of products in the weeks succeeding the first rush under the amended schedules.

Failure to keep these well-known conditions in mind caused many predictions in the first few months of its operation that even the Payne-Aldrich law would prove a disappointment as a revenue-producing measure. There is a practical agreement now that it was a great success in extracting money from the pocket of the consumer.

The propaganda of pessimism turns to the revenue figures because it is baffled in other directions. If imports have declined, instead of increasing, then it cannot be true that the lowered stone wall has enabled the foreigner to grab the American market. The efficient labor of America must be holding its own to date against the pauper labor of Europe.

An ex-Premier Laurier has been given reason for bitter complaints that one effect of the new tariff is a shifting of trade conditions resulting in higher prices in Canada, then the ruin predicted for the American farmer cannot as yet have been sighted. But the propaganda of pessimism is resourceful. Laughed out of one attack of neuritis, it speedily discovers cause for yielding to another attack.

THE TEXAS FLOODS.

Sixty have perished in Texas river floods. More will die before the crest rolling southward reaches the Gulf of Mexico. Property losses will exceed \$10,000,000. Texas statesmen are too busy fighting over State-wide protection, year in and year out, to leave Texas rivers.

PROGRESS OF THE FREEHOLDERS.

A few freeholders opposed the short ballot. A merit system under a board to be called an "Efficiency Commission" is a feature of splendid promise. It is not unimportant that the names attached to new public offices shall show the function and design for which the offices are created and shall have agreeable associations for the public mind. Freeholder Judson's plan takes cognizance of practical difficulties in securing the adoption of a charter providing for a single legislative body, elected on a general city ticket. He incorporates a proviso that the body itself may provide for the election of its members by wards or districts on the amendment of the Constitution to authorize a change. Concessions that avoid unnecessary antagonism are wise.

The freeholders are making progress along excellent lines toward a hobbles-free charter.

New York's Republican conference overwhelmed the stand-patters, declaring for direct primaries and the short ballot in State affairs. In the new scheme of things no place is left for a Barnes and a G. O. P. Tammany any more than for a Murphy and a Democratic Tammany.

ENCOURAGING CITY GROWTH.

Jacksonville, Fla., invested \$1,800,000 of city funds in a plant to produce and sell electric light, power and heat—not at cost, but at prices calculated to give the city a fair margin of profit.

Jacksonville's municipal plant has cut the price of electric current from 10 cents to 4 cents a kilowatt hour, has paid all charges, earned a surplus of \$350,000 and had been a big factor in attracting new industries which have increased population from 27,000 in 1901 to 80,000 in 1913.

The city on Dec. 1 made a rate of 2 cents per kilowatt hour for current used in cooking, to help housewives get rid of matches, ashes, dust, dirt, soot, fumes, coal buckets and pokers. The local gas company objected. The city replied that since 2-cent electricity is equivalent to 40-cent gas, the company's remedy was to sell gas at that price and compete.

St. Louis people, near vast fields of low-priced coal and near one of the world's greatest water powers, pay a private company 7 cents average for electric current, while their city government, for lighting some of its own buildings, produces current for one and one-tenth cents.

The constitution and charter under which Jacksonville does business, unlike those under which St. Louis operates, appear to have been drawn to serve the people rather than the private utility corporations.

Unfortunately Edward, adjudged a 100 per cent baby and awarded first prize at a Jersey City baby show, is a foundling and we are left in baffling uncertainty as to where his success leaves the case for eugenics.

ALWAYS AFTER THE MONEY.

Exclusion laws based on various tests, including the right suitably to denounce the accused party if it shall hereafter appear that he heartlessly trifled with the tender affections of a confiding girl, we nevertheless, at first glance, must confess we are moved to something resembling chagrin by the evidence (newly afforded in the now celebrated case of "Has anybody here seen Hurley?") that Europeans, arranging matrimonial alliances with Americans, have the monetary consideration uppermost in their minds.

European men, wedding American girls, always, we believe, stipulate for a salary or a generous lump sum to be paid by the bride's father, before marching up to the altar. We were inclined hitherto to excuse this exhibition of avarice on the grounds of sex, and of the undoubted need of European men to get the cash. It now appears that this diagnosis was erroneous; that European women also are primarily after the money in such cases.

It was the shocked contemplation of this disheartening fact, so subversive of his ideals touching the fair sex, which mired our youngest and most gallant contributor, bewildered amid the mirth.

wreckage of his fondest illusions, into attributing to Shakespeare Congreve's lines concerning the woman scorned."

Apparently Ulster Irishmen won't rebel against home rule for the same reason that has prevented other Irishmen from rebelling against London rule in the past. The police won't let them.

RIDICULOUS CITY HALL SITUATION.

The untenable position of city co-operation in profitable law-breaking by the Billboard Trust has been abandoned by Building Commissioner McElvey. He has sent out, he says, 25 inspectors to scour the city and report on billboard structures that are maintained in defiance of the regulations and will inaugurate a belated campaign of law enforcement as soon as this work is done. "It does not seem advisable," he says, "to push the new legislation further." He is, of course, right.

But the dawn of sanity at the city hall finds

City Counselor Baird still immune to its influence. He announces that the majesty of the law must bow to the paste bucket and the three-sheet poster until Jan. 19, instead of Dec. 19, as it was at first understood. The "reasonable time" he speaks of is not, it will be noted, time to enable solicitous and law-respecting interests to bring existing billboards into conformity with the legal regulations. It is time to enable the lobbyists of law-breaking interests to bring the regulations into conformity with the billboards.

The executive officer most concerned stands for equal enforcement of the law with special privileges to none. The legal officer, who should be found in other company, stands for suspension of law for the favored, remission of tax by private agreement, immunity for law-violators. It is a ridiculous situation.

STRATEGY IN MEXICO.

Refugees from Monterey say that the rebels were successful in the siege until they captured a section of the city containing a brewery. Attacks on the beer diverted their attention from attacks on the town, whereupon the Federals fell on them and routed them. Of course, the obvious thing is for Huerta to establish breweries in every town to be entered by the rebels en route to Mexico City, but the problem is not as simple as all that. Federal gains through rebel consumption of beer outside the capital are steadily counteracted by consumption of champagne inside the capital.

TWO VIEWS OF FRANCHISES.

A street car franchise granted a score of years ago by Toronto was considered especially disadvantageous to the traction company. It provided for the sale of tickets at cheap rates, as low as 10 for 25 cents at certain hours, and was long cited as an instance in which a city had driven an exceptionally hard bargain with franchise seekers. Now when the Canadian city desires to purchase the traction properties and inaugurate municipal ownership, the company demands \$300,000 for the franchise, which expires in nine years, in addition to liberal sums for equipment. And on the showing made, the privileges under which such unusual concessions were obtained for the public seem well worth the money.

Appraisal when a company is asking for rights and appraisal when it is asked to relinquish them invariably show just such a difference. The latter appraisal is always the more accurate. The St. Louis franchise on Jefferson Avenue has a certain definite value of no inconsiderable amount. As only one link in a big system the line was disparaged by the company when the city's law officers announced the expiration of the rights.

The company would have a different story to tell if it were a valid franchise and the city was trying to buy it.

The verdict at Waukegan, Ill., shows far the old pastime of riding unpopular residents out of a water on a rail has been left behind in this age of tango and turkey trot.

DIVIDING LIFE'S STREAM.

The new conception of life, as one vast stream, imposed on philosophy by Henri Bergson, obtains a startling verification from science, as the article, "The Search for the Secret of Life" in the coming Sunday Post-Dispatch Magazine.

One of the characteristics of a stream is that you can divide and subdivide it. The boy playing with a rivulet divides it with his hand. The hydraulic engineer does the same with huge dams. And now scientific men take life, in the shape of the egg of a minnow, and, by manipulating it, cause it to divide, producing two, or even four, minnows, in place of the single fish that would have been normally hatched. Life at its source, in the egg or the embryo, appears to be almost as plastic as a rivulet in the mountains. Represented in the cell tissues of the body, it can be made to live and grow, adding cell to cell, months after it has been detached from the body and kept in cold storage.

There are vast possibilities for medicines and surgery in these wonderful new discoveries. They do not reveal life's origin, but they enable us to control it in ways hitherto deemed impossible.

A NEW IMMIGRATION POLICY.

Exclusion laws based on various tests, including the right suitably to denounce the accused party if it shall hereafter appear that he heartlessly trifled with the tender affections of a confiding girl, we nevertheless, at first glance, must confess we are moved to something resembling chagrin by the evidence (newly afforded in the now celebrated case of "Has anybody here seen Hurley?") that Europeans, arranging matrimonial alliances with Americans, have the monetary consideration uppermost in their minds.

European men, wedding American girls, always, we believe, stipulate for a salary or a generous lump sum to be paid by the bride's father, before marching up to the altar. We were inclined hitherto to excuse this exhibition of avarice on the grounds of sex, and of the undoubted need of European men to get the cash. It now appears that this diagnosis was erroneous; that European women also are primarily after the money in such cases.

Supplementing a reasonable policy of exclusion for keeping out the criminal and inefficient, this promises better results than an educational test. Recognition that the greatest of immigration evils are due to congestion in the foreign quarters of Eastern cities came years ago, but Congress has done nothing to remedy them. If the Federal power can keep an immigrant from entering the country, it ought to be able to prescribe the conditions on which he may enter and designate with in rational limits his destination after he is admitted.



THE RULE OF THE SWORD.

JUST A MINUTE.

Written for the Post-Dispatch by Clark McAdams.

NEW VERSION.

The shades of night were falling fast:
At thru a German village passed
A young who bore mud snow and ice
A banner with this strange device:

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And next in France this youth was seen
Twas springtime then and all was green
And still he bore within his hand
The banner with the motto grand—

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The Turk was dreaming in his tent
Of Greece, his knee in suppliance bent
"To arms" "They come" "The Greeks"—
"Greek" but nay

It was our friend with banner gay—

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In sunny Spain our hero lies
The senorito bold he spies
As torero with courage full
He waves his banner at the bull—

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In ancient Rome mid stress and strife
When war meant pain the knife
And Caesar uttered "Et Tu, Brute!"—
Thus Brutus then in accents acute—

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Now gentle reader lend your ear
The ending of this tale now hear
When trouble starts to raise a fuss
She'll vanish if you speak up thus:

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"I should worry."
—Contributed.

NEW GUESSING CONTEST.

A rooster that weighed 12 pounds and cost \$100 was pulled off a nice little perch in the sky. The cockerel had been a real beauty, but he had given up his roosterhood and was now a mere hen. He was given a new perch and was soon a picture of health again.

Now the rooster is a hen, which it should be. The spectacle of the community trying safely to marry someone who shirked the responsibility when it could have been his own, is laughable, with the bridegroom the chief object of popular amusement.

The price one pays for not being laughed at in matrimony is not much overvalued by bachelors. A thousand men at the marriage age can get married without a ripple, but one old bachelor tries it and he is at once more miserable than any wife could have made him.

There is a time to set married. If one marries the responsibility is his own, which it should be. The spectacle of the community trying safely to marry someone who shirked the responsibility when it could have been his own, is laughable, with the bridegroom the chief object of popular amusement.

The Wheel

A CHRONICLE of the strange adventures of John Haynes and his weird vehicle.

THE GOD FROM THE PAGODA.
HOW JOHN HAYNES Found His Wife.

By H. M. EGBERT.

"A Chung Ling, 12 miles north of Wu Chang. She went there as a missionary after she thought you and your daughter dead!" This was all that John Haynes was able to learn concerning his wife, and those few words he had wrested from the last of his enemies only when he held him upon the brink of death.

Now his vengeance accomplished, there remained only the task of this discovery. And it seemed but a matter of a few weeks until he found her; there could be little difficulty, once he set foot within the confines of the Flower Land, for Wu Chang is a mighty metropolis in Central China, and there are few white women in its vicinity.

Five years before John Haynes had been torn from his wife and daughter and railroaded into the penitentiary at Nokomis Falls, on a false charge, by the conspirators who had leagued themselves together to save their lands. In the prison he had invented a wooden gyroscope, which he bound to his feet, and, gaining access to the outer world, utilized to effect his escape.

Propelled by this powerful top along road railroad, or trolley line, at the speed of 200 miles an hour, he was invincible. He set to work to execute justice upon his enemies, and, one by one, they had paid the penalty, according to the magnitude of their crimes. And now the last had suffered retribution, and Haynes was free to find the woman who, he doubted not, had long since mourned him as dead.

TO SHANGHAI.

He had already discovered his daughter, living in an obscure northern town, and sent her to Chung Ling to await his summons. He had enlisted her sympathies, but she was married now, and he had chosen not to blacken her life with the knowledge of all that he had done and hoped to do. But when the last of his enemies was disposed of he sought her out and told her that he was resolved to find her mother and bring her back to her.

And then he found that fate had played a strange prank on him. For, when he appeared unexpectedly in Chung Ling's spindly home on the Lake front, he found the man in command of Mrs. Beyers, his daughter's husband, and James' partner in his father's firm, had been commissioned to go to Shanghai to straighten out the accounts of a branch bank there, and, with his wife he was to leave for San Francisco on the following day.

Beyers knew Haynes and all about his deeds, for his father had been one of those who had wronged him; but the two men had been dramatically reconciled by the marriage of their children, and their mutual hatred had been replaced by mutual esteem.

Between Haynes and his son-in-law, who sprang up a warm friendship, which was destined to last, on that last evening in Chicago, and before they separated it was agreed that the three should travel to Wu Chang together in order to find the missing wife and mother.

She had been told that her husband died in steamship accident, together with her child—at least, so the searchers inferred, after comparing all that they knew concerning the tragic separation five years previously. Mary Haynes, left thus alone, as she believed, had been hurried to a remote corner of the United States by one of the conspirators, under the pretense of protection, and, when she recovered from her jaded illness, there had revived her a girlish ambition to become a missionary in the Orient. So she had sailed for China and disappeared in the interior of that enormous country.

Several weeks later the three arrived in Wu Chang under unexpected circumstances. Hardly had they landed when, before the revolution broke out, having its center in Wu Chang and Hankow, two of a trinity of towns upon the river bank in which millions of yellow men toil and labor. Even New York and its activities are dwarfed by the commercial industries of this densely populated region.

The three proceeded up the river aboard a Chinese gunboat, on which Beyers, by the lavish expenditure of money, had secured passage. The knowledge that Mary, Haynes was exposed to the fanaticism of the mob, always ready to be excited against foreigners, made them reckless of running into danger.

CHAOTIC CONDITIONS.

They reached Wu Chang to learn that a furious battle had taken place there the week previous; and that the Manchus had been worsted, and that the republican army was in hot pursuit, leaving the city exposed, as was the surrounding country, to the raids of robbers and murderous bands.

Conditions could hardly have been worse, but they were worse, for it was learned that the telegraph lines leading out of Chung Ling had been cut, and that the roads were blocked. Hiring a force of twenty soldiers, the three set forth. Eleanor Beyers, refusing to leave her father and husband in spite of their protestations.

Consequently they passed, struggling through the bands, but were machine gunned and made a force of strongly armed and passed them peacefully enough. The news of the treacherous journey, however, had evidently preceded them, for when they were already on the

DIALOGUES



Katherine: "Florence, dear, I have a 'trade last' for you."

Florence: "Do tell it to me, darling. You owe me several, you know."

Katherine: "Oh, very well, I'll be generous. Herbert said your arms were as beautiful as Venus de Milo's."

SISTER'S KID BROTHER

A Lecture for Boys and Girls Only, Delivered Before the Orange Blossom Society.

By ELSA CROSBY.

HERE'S hard sledding for Cupid in every home where a nice big sister with more or less steady company divides honors with a brother who is too big to be caged, too little to be chained, too fly to be gaged and too influential to be subjected to outside pressure from the police.

Lovely may laugh a merry ha, ha at locksmiths or even gas fitters, but it hasn't a chance in a hundred when Little Brother with a large mouthful of miscellaneous conversation butts into the game and tries to assist remains and bores sister along the road to early matrimony.

When we're in tiny clothes, cover of Eleanore's lips. Under cover of this friendly party a murderous band were creeping up with knife in hand, along with meat squares of home-made fudge and luring him on with slabs of fruit cake, hoping always for the best. Little Brother usually jumps or bubbles to conclusions and proceeds to repute a place suited to the occasion, as he sees it.

In this ready monologue he introduces fragments of family history and extracts from the record which should well make a cautious young man hesitate, turn pale and reach for his hat. Seeing that he has scored a hit, Little Brother follows his hand by making

over something on sister and putting it up as a terrible secret. This he does with every manifestation of glee, and dares sister to say that every word of it isn't true.

With cold perspiration standing on her alabaster brow and warm blushes mounting to her cheek and mingling with the rouge, sister squirms to escape and in desperation calls mamma. Being the usual ready party in such emergencies, mamma follows the established routine and turns to the child who is not yet the slightest reflection to anything the boy says. Then she warns the boy that if he doesn't behave properly she'll tell his father. Another slab of fruit cake is pushed toward her sister's company and mother retires.

Warnings and threats have no effect on sister's little brother. Experience has proved that the only way to reach him and keep him at a fair distance from the cozy corner is by direct bribery. He stands for honest graft, it is believed in hounds.

Sister may be sure of one thing. Any young man who has nerve to stand for a kid brother and a cold fact is almost as good as a solitaire in hand.

If kid brother can't, blight the romance who has a sure thing.

HEAVING A SPACE.

Haynes held the heavy weapon aloft and looked at it. It was of the finest steel, such a weapon is used by official executioners for beheading their victims. Motioning to Beyers and his daughter to stand as far back as possible, Haynes swung the weapon aloft and brought it down upon the malevolent iron with all his force, denting and cutting into it. Again and again he swung the sword with the full force of his arm. And at each blow the structure trembled and bent and twisted, until at last he had bawed a space in it through which the three might creep.

He squeezed his body through the cage and, standing beside the altar, listened intently. Nobody came. Any priest heard him—he was afraid to enter, but more probably, all were away, engaged in pillaging. Haynes took the helmet from the floor and, leaning it upon his shoulder, he started the lovers from their rapturous embrace. He then took his hand and crept round behind them from without. There was a peephole half way down through which Haynes could perceive the outlines of a pink world, so easily that a quarter of a pint would serve to keep it running for perhaps an hour. And he could do so much in that period. He started the motor and its low roar startled the lovers from their rapturous embrace. Haynes went up to Beyers and said, "Do you happen to have a piece of string about you?" he asked.

Beyers felt in his pocket, doubtfully. "No," he answered. "What should I do with a piece of string?" "You, Eleanor!" She shook her head.

Then tear off the hem of your petticoat," said Haynes impatiently.

Even in that priest she hesitated. No woman likes to tear a petticoat with a dragged hem, nor is it the delicate lesion when she stands in the Chinese pagoda, awaiting her doom, in the hands of a blood-thirsty priest. She hesitated one moment; then stooping, she rent off a long strip of flimsy lace and

kept out cold drafts?

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LOVE AND COURTESY

BETTY VINCENT.

The Timid Wooer.

JUDGING by the letters I receive,

the modern young man is far too

timid and cautious in his affairs of

the heart.

In a surprising number of cases he

asks helplessly how he can make

a young lady's affections before com-

mitting himself to a proposal. He

usually says that she acts thus and

thus under such and such circumstances—and

is the deduction that he loves her or

the reverse? To all this I say never

refusal is the worst thing that

can happen to him, and surely refusal is not so uncomfortable as uncertainty.

Even the disinterested observer can-

not be positive which of several young

men a lady favors. And certainly the

young men themselves are in no position

to solve the problem beforehand—

before frankly asking for the answer.

Let them ask if they want to know.

P. W. writes: "Ought a girl who

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times. Is such a girl worth having?"

The last question you must decide

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Tenpins May Involve Many a Frame-Up, but the Game's Rolled on the Level

MR. SHORT SPORT: He sentences all his friends to the same Christmas present

By Jean Knott



LOVE OF PEANUTS COSTS LOU GRIGER HIS JOB AS COACH

Charley Barrett, Former Scout, to Handle Browns' Pitchers This Spring.



JOHNNY SOLSBERG CONCEDES WEIGHT IN FOLEY BATTLE

Little Easterner Agrees to Let Opponent Do 122 Pounds



by L.C. DAVIS

ONE TO WILHELM ROBINSON.

C. B. C. AND SOLDAN MEN VOTED FOOTBALL CUPS

Patrick Shee and Captain Lou Menges, of Christian Brothers' College, were voted the most valuable players in the football game in this city Friday, at a committee meeting to decide the winners of the Anheuser Football trophies.

Archie Klein, captain and quarter of Soldan High school, and Wyndiffe Kling, of the same institution, were the recipients of the same honors in these intercollegiate divisions.

Costs donated by Eberhard Anheuser were the rewards of the successful men.

WILLIAMSON

Well able to hold down the job

With his 200 pounds

He can hold down the grounds.

The grandstand and bleachers the mob is on.

WITCHER KIDDIN'

Said Doolin: "My team needs a thinker; I'll trade Mickey Doolan for Tinker."

Gerry Herrmann said: "No; Give me Doolan for Groh."

And I'll go to it hook line and sinker."

WITCHER KIDDIN'

When Red Doolin offered to trade Mickey Doolan and Otto Knabe to Cincinnati for Joe Tinker and a personified Groh, Gerry Herrmann

must have thought that Red was suddenly gone crazy and that by holding off a while he might get the whole Phila. club in exchange for a pleasant smile.

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S'MATTER POP?



IT CAN'T BE DONE!



The Jarr Family

A daily record
written for the Post-Dispatch
Comic Page.

By ROY L. MCARDLE

Mr. Jarr Solves the Mystery
of the "Midnight
Dog" Rites.

ND now about the nocturnal
frankfurters," began Mr.
Jarr. "I hearken and fain
would be told."

"If you are going to make fun of me
I won't tell you a thing," said Mrs.
Jarr. "But since the Plashford de Greys
were exposed bringing food into their
apartments in the High Costa Arms
there aren't so many people bragging
about knowing the Plashford de Greys
and going to their Literary Sunday
Afternoons."

"As far as they brought in hot frank-
furters at night," asked Mr. Jarr.
"Well, eating at one's home is
usual in New York, perhaps. But it's
not a crime."

"I didn't say anything about brin-
ging in frankfurters," replied Mrs.
Jarr, "and while it isn't a crime to eat
in one's apartments, still when
people live in such swell no-family
hotels as the High Costa Arms and
are detected doing light housekeep-
ing—which is forbidden because it is
not even considered in the same
breath with excessive housewives—and
people are not only caught
bringing in food to eat but are sus-
pected of doing light laundry
work."

"I don't understand it," interrupted
Mr. Jarr. "I should think living one's
own life in one's own way, as the
ladies say, is permissible in newly
apartment houses hotels."

"Not when you just have a sofa or
parlor and bedroom and bath," said

HOME WANTED!

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